

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion,  
and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown  
portion, and wherein

the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof,

whereby a maximum thickness  $T_r$  at the rear end is in a range of from 2.0 to 8.0 mm,

and a minimum thickness  $T_f$  in a front end zone of the sole plate is in a range of from  
1.0 to 3.0 mm.

2. (currently amended) ~~The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein~~ A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown  
portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion,  
and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and

said hosel portion includes a tubular part into which a club shaft is inserted, and the  
tubular part is integrally formed with the metal component to extend from the sole  
plate.

3. (currently amended) ~~The golf club head according to claim 1, wherein~~ A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel

portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and wherein

said hosel portion includes a tubular part into which a club shaft is inserted, and the tubular part is formed separately from the metal component and the resin component, and

the resin component M2 is integrally provided with a tubular portion protruding into the hollow and forming a socket into which said tubular part of the hosel portion is inserted.

4. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the resin component further includes a side plate forming at least a part of the side portion.
5. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof.
6. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.
7. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~, wherein  
the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and  
the sole plate is provided on the fringe thereof with a continuous or discontinuous rib.
8. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the metal component further includes a continuous or discontinuous turnup wall forming a part of the side portion.
9. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein  
the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and

the metal component further includes a continuous or discontinuous turnup wall forming a part of the side portion.

10. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the metal component further includes a frame bridging between the face plate and sole plate.

11. (withdrawn) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the sole plate is gradually increased in the thickness towards the rear end thereof, and the metal component further includes a frame bridging between the face plate and sole plate.

12. (currently amended) ~~The golf club head according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein~~ A hollow golf club head having a face portion whose front face defines a club face for striking a ball, a crown portion, a sole portion, a side portion between the crown portion and sole portion, and a hosel portion, and comprising a metal component made of a metal material, and a resin component made of a fiber reinforced resin, wherein

said resin component comprises a crown plate forming at least a part of the crown portion,

said metal component comprises a face plate forming at least a part of the face portion, and a sole plate forming at least a part of the sole portion, and wherein  
the metal component is provided ~~in~~ along a front end ~~zone~~ of the sole plate with a continuous or discontinuous slot.

13. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm.

14. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sweet spot height is in a rage of from 15 to 30 mm.

15. (currently amended) The golf club head according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3~~ 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein  
the depth of the center of gravity is in a range of from 40 to 55 mm, and  
the sweet spot height is in a rage of from 15 to 30 mm.
16. (new) The golf club head according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 12, wherein the sole plate forms the  
almost entirety of the sole portion.